

## THE KINDERGARTEN HAS MADE SYSTEM COMPLETE

By the introduction of the kindergarten into the public school system of its leading city, Virginia has taken her stand among the educationally progressive States of the Union. She is the thirty-fourth State to recognize the kindergarten as the foundation stone, or, to use a better simile, the seed-corn, out of which develop primary, secondary, college and university education in progressive and logical sequence. Her educational system is now complete, and she only needs to extend and enlarge it.

The interest in this special phase of education has been slow in coming, but once aroused, it has grown with surprising quickness, and has accomplished results with almost phenomenal rapidity.

For several years there have been in Richmond kindergartens connected with its leading private schools (no modern school now considers itself complete without one), and two or three supported by missions or private subscriptions, notable among which is Miss Arens's fine work at St. Andrew's Mission. This kindergarten, practically free, receives about fifty children each year in its two large, sunny rooms, and substitutes for the freedom of the streets healthful, happy work, and play, and a wholesome moral influence which becomes the child's dower for life; another kindergarten, which deserves special mention, is that conducted on Broad Avenue, where from thirty-five to forty children come daily during the school year.

About two years ago, and largely through the influence of the Richmond Education Association, the School Board became convinced of the importance of the kindergarten, as an integral feature of the school system and petitioned the Council for an appropriation, which would enable them to accomplish its introduction in Richmond. The Council appropriated \$5,000 for kindergartens and manual training. With this donation, the Richmond School Board in the autumn of 1902 opened three kindergartens judiciously distributed in widely separated sections of the city. The number of applicants established at once the fact that they met a genuine need. Many of the children could not be accommodated, but were kept on waiting lists and patiently bided their time until vacancies from sickness or removals should occur.

For one year these kindergartens have successfully conducted their work; the West End and Belvidere, with fifty children each, and the Valentine, with seventy-five. The interest shown in them by the parents and relatives and their genuine appreciation of the benefit to the children, have been extremely gratifying, and it may be said, have put the kindergartens beyond the point of mere experiment, and have established their permanency.

A large and important feature of their work has been the formation of mothers' clubs, the members of which have set themselves earnestly to studying the problems connected with the wise nursing of their children, and have intelligently and sympathetically co-operated with the kindergartens in their work. These clubs have met always once a month, sometimes twice, and the attendance has been gratifyingly large.

Such problems as disobedience and untruthfulness, proper methods of punishment, habit forming, children's occupations, etc., have been among these dis-

cussed with results helpful to mother and kindergarten alike. When parent and teacher work together, the problem of child training is well on its way to solution, and in these same mothers' clubs lies untold hope for the future.

In 1904 the Council appropriated \$10,000, which not only insures the further maintenance of these kindergartens, but will provide for three additional ones, which are to be opened in September. Thus the school year of 1904 will see Richmond provided with six large and well equipped kindergartens—a two years' record which many a larger city might be proud of. All but two of the seven kindergartens conducting this work, are graduates of the Richmond Training School for Kindergartners, which will begin its fourth session October 3, 1904. This institution has lately been incorporated and has a large and influential body of trustees. The public schools are thus enabled to supply them with kindergartners, but so far it has not been fully able to meet the demand, several of the graduates having gone into private work. It is to be hoped that Richmond and Virginia girls will realize the opportunity that lies before them, and will not make it necessary to import kindergartners from other States.

To Norfolk must be given the palm for first having voted public money towards the maintenance of a free kindergarten; but she has fallen far behind Richmond in the extension of this good work. The Kindergarten Association of Norfolk has showed great activity and determination during its three years of existence. It now numbers 125 members, and with the aid of \$1,000 appropriated by the Council, supports two free kindergartens under the directorship of Miss Wadsworth and Miss Jagger, and a normal training school under Miss Wadsworth. Both these ladies are graduates of the Chicago Kindergarten College. The association hopes for larger appropriations from the Council, and in time to see Richmond's example followed by the incorporation of the kindergartens into the public schools.

It is a cause for congratulation that Virginia's one normal school at Farmville has recognized the importance of training for kindergarten work, and will in the autumn open a kindergarten department under the able direction of Miss Elizabeth Freeborn, a graduate of Teachers' College, New York. It is regrettable that the intention that part of the course which contains the fundamental principles of all education shall be open to all the students, while the entire course of two years will be open to those who wish to specialize. A kindergarten is conducted in connection with this department which will be used for practice and observation.

With three training schools it should not be long before every town and county in Virginia has its kindergarten or kindergartens. Many of them are now ready and anxious, and are simply awaiting their opportunity. There could be no more womanly or beautiful work for Virginia's daughters than the nurture of the State's future citizens, nor work in which refinement and culture are so needed.

The aim of the kindergarten is so comprehensive; its purpose so fundamental, that the best and highest talents find full scope in its work, while the fact that it deals with the beginnings of life—the getting started in the right way—calls for strong and disciplined characters and trained judgment and insight.

Education by development of inherent powers, training of the will to effort and self-control, incitement of the intellect to original and creative work, the stimulus of the sympathetic nature, exercise of the body—above all, the recognition of the individual as a social being, born to fulfill his part in family, society and as citizen of the State—may be said to be the fundamental principles which govern all activities in the kindergarten.

It is largely in its social aspect that the kindergarten is of such vital importance. The child enters at once into a little community where each child is recognized as made to feel his responsibility for the welfare and conduct of the whole. Here is no place for selfishness and self-interest; each must respect the rights of the other, and mutual courtesy and consideration make an ideal atmosphere for harmonious development.

One reason for the happiness of children in the kindergarten lies in the fact that it demands the best and highest of each, and through exercise of the social virtues and obedience to the law which respects the right of each, they are saved from being the victims of their own caprices and from the weariness of spirit which results from too much of "one's own way."

The habits of thought, feeling and action which are formed very early in childhood largely determine adult character. Start a child in the right way and he will usually continue along the same lines. The State which recognizes and provides for the kindergarten, and proper care of its little children is providing for future useful and law-abiding citizens, and will have small need of penitentiaries and jails.

Character-forming, though the chief, is not the only aim of kindergarten. Intellectually, it prepares directly for the work of the primary school by its training of the powers of observation, concentration, logical thinking and by its form and number work. The child who has had two or even one year in a good kindergarten should and does overcome much more quickly the difficulties in reading, writing and arithmetic than the child whose mind has had no systematic awakening, while he carries to his task an interest in and love for school work which greatly lighten the work of the teacher.

In its manual training the child acquires mastery over power to manipulate material which renders him willing and eager to attack all new things and problems, while the early use of the muscles enables him to attain a high order of skill. In its games it meets the need of every child to express himself in play. In its stories, excursions, nature talks and gardening, it awakens a sympathetic interest in literature and science which should eventually result in a broad and general culture.

A word of warning may not be out of place here. There is danger of admitting to the kindergarten children who have not given up the special method, and who are ready for the more serious work of the primary. From four to six is the kindergarten age. The average child of six or six and a half has usually outgrown this age, and not to send him on to the primary is to cause a retardation of development. Each stage of development should be met in the way most suitable, and neither kindergarten nor primary should usurp the place of the other. The kindergarten should bear in mind that she is preparing the children for the primary; the primary teacher that she must not too soon expect the formal, conventional discipline which properly does not belong to the first year of primary work. The one must look forward to the other, and work well as forward, and thus mutually correlate and fit in their work. I hope soon to see the day when there will be conferences between primary and kindergarten teachers, and when a list of the kindergartens will be given in the first session, at least, of the primary grade.

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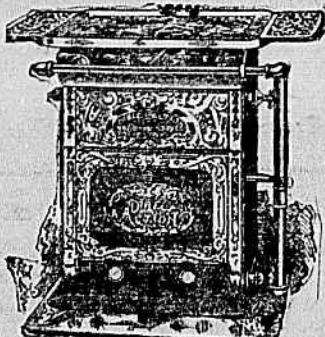
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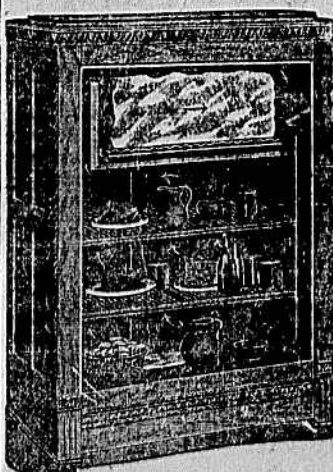
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### LICENSE CASES WERE CONTINUED

Justice John Dismisses Charge  
of Theft Against William  
Young—Police Court.

Justice Crutchfield gave the merchants and others who have failed to get their license another chance in the Police Court yesterday, and continued the cases for a week. The list is a long one. The case of William Young, the aged colored man who was charged with stealing \$150 worth of his own furniture, was disposed of by the discharge of the old man. George Begson, the young negro who brought the charge, claimed that Young had taken \$150 worth of furniture belonging to him. He declared that Young's wife had turned the furniture over to him, provided he would take care of her for the rest of her life. The woman said she knew nothing about it, and in her testimony displayed a very weak mind.

Justice Crutchfield expressed his sympathy for the old couple, and dismissed the case before the accused's lawyer could make his speech. Richard Rye vs. John Brown, two notorious negroes, arrested by Detectives Wren and Wiltshire, on the charge of stealing \$120 from the treasurer of a colored excursion, were turned over to the Henrico authorities.

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Several colored women, charged with disorderly conduct in the First District, arrested by Officers Hulcher and Duke, were fined \$2.50 each.

### TREATED THEM WELL.

Supt. Davis Has Pleasant Word  
to Say of Portland Visit.

Mr. George B. Davis, superintendent of the Richmond Almshouse, has recently returned from the annual convention of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections, held at Portland, Maine. Mr. Davis, who was one of the speakers during the convention, is greatly pleased with the treatment accorded the members of the conference by the people of Portland. He was frequently honored by the conference, and did service on two important committees, those of "Reports of the States" and "Time and Place." Miss S. H. Cabanis, also of this city, who was present, was made a member of the committee on Nurses' Settlement and Visitation. Rev. J. T. Martin and wife were also representatives of Richmond.

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### At The Casino.

Otto Brothers, who are doing a turn in the play at the Casino this week, are as clever German comedians as have visited this city. They sing and dance and make all sorts of fun in the audience, and are sure to bring them back several times. The "radium dance," the specialty in which the English girls appear, is mysterious and beautiful. The play runs all the week, with a final matinee Saturday.

A Splendid Comedy.  
"Lend Me Your Wife," the comedy with which the Walter Edwards company is a return engagement with a special matinee Monday, is a comedy of the same high order as "Jane Eyre," "David Garrick." The company will play the same bill for all of next week.

Reilly Jury Hung.  
The trial of M. J. Reilly, who was charged with the murder of a man, was continued from the Richmond Transfer Company, resulted in a hung jury yesterday.

The jury was discharged and Reilly remanded to jail.

### R. HENRY EPPS IS NOW UNDER ARREST

Much Sought After Forger Was  
Caught in the Effort to  
Work His Game.

Officer Marrin landed a good one behind the bars yesterday morning when he arrested the much-sought-after R. Henry Epps, alias Robert H. Epps, alias "Bob." Police and detectives have been searching for him for weeks on various charges of forgery. He is what is known in police circles as a "dapper coon," well educated and "smooth"—a born confidence man.

Up to yesterday he had cashed a number of worthless checks. One was signed with the name of H. P. Johnson, a well known colored fruit dealer, and endorsed by "Rev. A. Ferguson," a colored preacher, of Fulton. Another was alleged to have been signed by Dr. H. E. Jones. The checks were drawn on the Merchants' Savings Bank, on North Third Street.

Det. W. A. Washington has been on Epps' track for some time, with bright prospects of landing him, but he proved a good dodger. His funds ran out yesterday, however, and he saved the detectives some trouble by attempting to cash a forged check, signed by Jonathan's name, and endorsed by Ferguson. He sent a small boy to the business house after having phoned that he would do so. The clerk at Schwartz's called up the cashier of the Mechanics Bank and found that the check was bad. Officer Marrin was then told about it, and he followed the boy out. Epps was in waiting, and after a double quick chase from Second and Broad to Seventh and Canal streets he landed Epps, and carried him to the Second Station.

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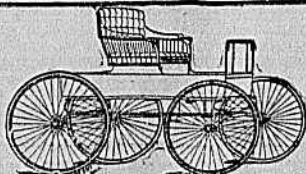
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